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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Castro Valley – Racist, Anti-Semitic Graffiti Found on Vandalized School District Truck

(U) The Alameda County Sheriff's Office said it will investigate racist and anti-Semitic graffiti found scrawled across a school district-owned vehicle this week. On 18 September, deputies responded to Canyon Middle School for a report of vandalism and racist graffiti. There, deputies found a Castro Valley Unified School District-owned white Ford pickup with offensive racial remarks against Jewish and African American communities written in black permanent marker. In addition, swastikas were drawn on the vehicle and the rear window was smashed. The sheriff's office said that it will investigate this incident as a hate crime and will dedicate resources to find the person responsible.

SOURCE: 19 September 2017, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) San Francisco – Twitter Suspends 300,000 Accounts Tied to Terrorism in 2017

(U) Twitter Inc., under pressure from governments around the world to combat online extremism, said that improving automation tools are helping block accounts that promote terrorism and violence. In the first half of the year, Twitter said it suspended nearly 300,000 accounts globally linked to terrorism. Of those, roughly 95 percent were identified by the company's spam-fighting automation tools. Meanwhile, the social network said government data requests continued to increase, and that it provided authorities with data on roughly 3,900 accounts from January to June. Twitter said about 75 percent of the blocked accounts this year were spotted before a single tweet was sent, and that 935,897 accounts had been suspended since August 2015, with two-thirds of those coming in the past year.

SOURCE: 19 September 2017, [Bloomberg](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Louisiana – White Man Arrested in Possible Racially-Motivated Murder of Two Black Men

(U) Baton Rouge – A 23-year-old white man was arrested yesterday and will be charged with murder in the shooting deaths of two black men last week. Kenneth Gleason is accused of carrying out the killings on 12 and 14 September. Local media reported that police have said the killings may be racially motivated, but officials would not confirm that. In both incidents, a motorist opened fire on a pedestrian, with the assailant getting out of the car and shooting the victims several times once they were on the ground. Officials would not comment when asked about reports that Nazi and satanic literature had been at the house where Gleason lived with parents outside Baton Rouge.

SOURCE: 19 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Trial Opens For American in ISIS-Linked Police Beheading Plot

(U) Boston – A Massachusetts man charged with plotting to behead police officers in an effort to help the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) was due in court today for the start of his trial on charges including conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism. Federal prosecutors charge that the man, David Daoud Wright, along with his uncle and a friend, had first plotted to kill the woman who organized a 2015 "Draw Mohammed" contest in Garland, Texas. But they contend Wright's uncle, Usamaah Abdullah Rahim, lost patience and in June 2015 told Wright and the third man that he instead planned to kill

police officers. The third man, Nicholas Rovinski, pleaded guilty last year to two criminal counts of conspiracy to provide material support to a terrorist organization. Wright is being charged with conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries, conspiracy to support a terrorist organization, and obstruction of justice. He could face life in prison if found guilty.

SOURCE: 20 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Officials See No Signs of Cyber Attack before National Election

(U) Berlin – German government officials and security experts say they have not seen signs of hacking or suspicious news leaks ahead of the 24 September election despite months of warnings about possible foreign meddling. The BSI federal cyber protection agency said it was keeping a close watch on possible efforts to influence the election from abroad, as well as efforts to close security gaps discovered in a widely-used vote-tabulating software. Other German government sources confirmed they had not detected any unusual activity, but noted a major leak of emails belonging to then-candidate Emmanuel Macron did not surface until shortly before France's presidential election.

SOURCE: 19 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) India – Suspicious Object Detected in Luggage Triggers Bomb Scare at Airport

(U) Mangalore – A Dubai-bound passenger's cellphone was found to have a suspicious clay-like object in his check-in baggage at Mangalore Airport yesterday. The flight in question was an IndiGo Airlines aircraft flying directly from Mangalore to Dubai. The airline reported that IndiGo's alert security screener staff at Mangalore caught a suspect carrying an alleged cellphone bomb and that the matter had been reported to the local police. Official had nothing more to share because of the sensitive security issues surrounding the investigation.

SOURCE: 19 September 2017, [Times of India](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Police Arrest Three in Wales over London Train Bomb Attack

(U) London – British police arrested three men in south Wales over last week's bombing of a busy commuter train in west London, meaning five people are now being questioned by detectives over the attack which injured 30 people. A 25-year-old man was arrested yesterday evening in Newport, while two others, aged 48 and 30, were detained at another address in the Welsh town this morning. "This continues to be a fast-moving investigation. A significant amount of activity has taken place since the attack on Friday," said Commander Dean Haydon, head of London police's Counter Terrorism Command.

SOURCE: 20 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – At UN, Britain to Push Internet Firms to Remove Extremist Content Quicker

(U) London – The leaders of Britain, France, and Italy will push social media companies to remove "terrorist content" from the internet within one to two hours of it appearing because they say that is the period when most material is spread. British Prime Minister Theresa May, French President Emmanuel Macron, and Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni will raise the issue at an event on the sidelines of the annual gathering of world leaders at the United Nations. Internet companies including Facebook Inc., Microsoft Corp., and Alphabet Inc.'s Google said they will attend the meeting. The European Union has threatened legislation if internet companies do not step up efforts to police their web content.

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